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Renata Hesse, Trail Attorney  
Antitrust Division  
Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to register my support for the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. If the suit brought by the Department of Justice and several state attorneys general can be brought to an agreeable conclusion, it seems reasonable for the court to take this direction.

It seems as though several concessions Microsoft is being asked to make verge on the violation of their intellectual property right, a system crucial to research and development by all Americans. Should the Court rule against Microsoft and apply further sanctions, it would undermine the patent process, which protects the development of innovations in American industry and technological history.

I am sure that this is not the intent of the Court, but to go beyond the terms of the settlement worked out by the Department of Justice and Microsoft would not be in the best interests of American ingenuity, not to mention consumer satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Peggy G. Hayes, Executive Director  
Kingsville Chamber of Commerce